"Express Mail" Label No. EV 332107015 US Date of Deposit February 17, 2004

Attorney Docket No.: 012124-001120US Client Reference No.: 06870/100M336-

I hereby certify that this is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Address" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to:

Mail Stop Patent Application

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

By:_

Dana Kane

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Mark W. McGlothlin

Eric v. Schmid

Application No.: Herewith

Filed: February 17, 2004

For: VULCANIZATION OF DIP-MOLDED RUBBER ARTICLES WITH

MOLTEN MEDIA BATHS

Mail Stop Patent Application Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Examiner: Not yet assigned

Art Unit: Not yet assigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE

STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 and

§1.98

Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B are being called to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references are not enclosed. Copies of the references are of record in parent applications10/357,639 and 09/547,366, per the enclosed copy of the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 18, 2003. It is respectfully requested that the cited references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

As provided for by 37 CFR 1.97(g) and (h), no inference should be made that the information and references cited are prior art merely because they are in this statement and no

Mark W. McGlothlin

Application No.: con. of 10/357,639

Page 2

representation is being made that a search has been conducted or that this statement encompasses all the possible relevant information.

Applicant believes that <u>no fee is required</u> for submission of this statement. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please deduct any additional fees from, or credit any overpayment to, the above-noted Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Henry Heines Reg. No. 28,219

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP

Two Embarcadero Center, Eighth Floor San Francisco, California 94111-3834

Tel: 415-576-0200 Fax: 415-576-0300

MHH:dk 60143068 v1 I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

Attorney Docket No.: 012124-001110US

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

on March 18, 2003

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP

By: MAIL T. DAMS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Mark W. McGlothlin and Eric V.

Schmid

Application No.: 10/357,639

Filed: February 3, 2003

For: VULCANIZATION OF DIP-MOLDED RUBBER ARTICLES WITH

MOLTEN MEDIA BATHS

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE

STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 and

§1.98

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B are being called to the attention of the Examiner. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(d), copies of the references can be found in Application No. 09/547,366, filed April 11, 2000 (Attorney Docket No. 012124-001100US). It is respectfully requested that the cited references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

As provided for by 37 CFR 1.97(g) and (h), no inference should be made that the information and references cited are prior art merely because they are in this statement and no

Mark W. McGlothlin and Eric V. Schmid

Application No.: 10/357,639

Page 2

representation is being made that a search has been conducted or that this statement encompasses all the possible relevant information.

Applicant believes that no fee is required for submission of this statement. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please deduct any additional fees from, or credit any overpayment to, the above-noted Deposit Account.

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP Two Embarcadero Center, 8th Floor San Francisco, California 94111-3834

Tel: 415-576-0200

Fax: 415-576-0300 MTD:mtd

SF 1442574 v1

PTO/SB/08A (10-01)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute	e for form 1449A/PT	o	Complete if Known		
			Application Number	10/357,639	
INFC	RMATION	DISCLOSURE	Filing Date	Febuary 3, 2003	
STA'	TEMENT B	Y APPLICANT	First Named Inventor	McGlothlin, Mark W., et. al.	
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •			Art Unit	Not Yet Assigned	
	(use as many sh	eets as necessary)	Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned	
Sheet	1	of 2	Attorney Docket Number	012124-001110US	

			U.S. PATENT DO	CUMENTS	
		Document Number			
Examiner	Cite No. ¹ ,	Number Kind Code ² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	AA	US-732,360	06/30/1903	Lindsay	
	AB	US-1,152,372	08/31/1915	Miller	
	AC	US-2,173,734	09/19/1939	Sidnell	
	AD	US-2,324,735	07/20/1943	Spanel	
	AE	US-2,434,035	01/06/1948	Laney et al.	
	AF	US-2,686,859	01/13/1959	Stott	
· · ·	AG	US 2,867,849	01/13/1959	Drew et al.	
	AH	US 2,941,257	06/21/1960	Davis	
	Al	US-2,975,151	03/14/1961	Ropp	
	AJ	US-3,215,649	11/02/1965	Preiss et al.	
	AK	US-3,626,052	12/07/1971	Sisco et al.	,
	AL	US-3,751,378	08/07/1973	Rodaway et al.	
	AM	US 3,856,561	12/24/1974	Esemplare et al.	
	AN	US-3,892,697	07/01/1975	Burke	
	AO	US 3,919,442	11/11/1975	Esemplare et al.	
	AP	US 3,967,014	06/29/1976	Esemplare et al.	
	AQ	US 4,027,060	05/31/1977	Esemplare et al.	
	AR	US 4,048,368	09/13/1977	Hale et al.	·
	AS	US 4,334,043	06/08/1982	Groepper	
	AT .	US 4,808,442	02/28/1989	Verlaan et al.	
	AU	US-4,981,637	01/01/1991	Hyer	
	AV	US-5,021,524	06/04/1991	Dicker et al.	
	AW	US 5,084,514	01/28/1992	Szczechura et al.	
	AX	US 5,228,938	07/20/1993	Kansupada et al.	
	AY	US 5,281,570	01/25/1994	Hasegawa et al.	
	AZ	US-5,310,811	05/10/1994	Cottman	
	ВА	US 5,401,781	03/28/1995	Hagen	
	BB	US-5,569,740	10/29/1996	Tanaka et al.	
	BC	US-5,580,942	12/03/1996	Cornish	
	BD	US-5,585,459	12/17/1996	Tanaka et al.	
	BE	US-5,610,212	03/11/1997	Tanaka et al.	•
	BF	US-5,872,173	02/16/1999	Anand	·
	BG	US 5,910,533	06/08/1999	Ghosal et al.	
	ВН	US 6,012,286	01/11/2000	Schunk et al.	
	BI	US 6,016,570	01/25/2000	Vande Pol et al.	
	BJ	US 6,019,922	02/01/2000	Hassan et al.	

		,
Examiner Signature	Date Considered	

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² Kind Codes of U.S. Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the senal number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

PTO/SB/08A (10-01)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002 OMB 0651-0031 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Panerwork Reduction Act of 1995, no nersons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitut	te for form 1449A/I	эτο `	Complete if Known			
			Application Number	10/357,639		
INFO	DRMATIO	N DISCLOSURE	Filing Date	Febuary 3, 2003		
STA	TEMENT	BY APPLICANT	First Named Inventor	McGlothlin, Mark W., et. al.		
			Art Unit	Not Yet Assigned		
	(use as many	sheets as necessary)	Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned		
Sheet	2	of 2	Attorney Docket Number	012124-001110US		

	U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		Document Number						
Examiner	Cite No.1	Number Kind Code ² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear			
	ВК	US-6,021,524	02/08/2000	Wu et al.				
	BL	US 6,028,142	02/22/2000	Garois				
	ВМ	US-6,031,042	02/29/2000	Lipinski				
	BN	US-6,217,815	04/17/2001	Sisbarro				
	во	US 6,280,673	08/28/2001	McGlothlin et al.				
	BP	US-6,329,444	12/11/2001	Green et al.				

			<u>-</u>	FOREIGN PA	TENT DOCUME	NTS		·
Examiner	Cite	For	eign Patent Docu	iment	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant	
Initials*	No.'	Country Code ³	Number⁴	Kind Code ^s (If known)	MM-DD-YYYY	Applicant of Cited Document	Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
	BQ	DE	19746676	A	04/29/1999			

Examiner Signature	Date Considered	

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

SF 1442574 v1

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² Kind Codes of U.S. Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

MAR 2 4 2003 EE

PTO/SB/08A (10-01)
Approved for use through 10/31/2002: OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ct of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number. Substitute for form 1449A/PTO Complete if Known Application Number 10/357,639 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE Filing Date Febuary 3, 2003 STATEMENT BY APPLICANT McGlothlin, Mark W., et. al. First Named Inventor Art Unit Not Yet Assigned (use as many sheets as necessary) Not Yet Assigned **Examiner Name** 012124-001110US Sheet of 2 Attorney Docket Number

			U.S. PATENT D	OCUMENTS	
		Document Number			
Examiner	Cite No.¹	Number Kind Code ² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
Q4	BK	US-6,021,524	02/08/2000	Wu et al.	
	BL	US 6,028,142	02/22/2000	Garois	
	ВМ	US-6,031,042	02/29/2000	Lipinski	
1	BN	US-6,217,815	04/17/2001	Sisbarro	
1.	ВО	US 6,280,673	08/28/2001	McGlothlin et al.	•
KU	BP	US-6,329,444	12/11/2001	Green et al.	

		· ·		FOREIGN PA	TENT DOCUME	NTS		
	Cito	Foreign Patent Document				Name of Patentee or	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant	
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Country Code ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ^s (# known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Applicant of Cited Document	Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T6
*	BQ	DE	19746676	. A	04/29/1999			

Examiner Signature	00 to	Date Considered	11/2003

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² Kind Codes of U.S. Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

SF 1442574 v1

PTO/SB/08A (10-01)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002: OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

The Repervork Resistant Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute		「リカリトン		Complete if Known	
			Application Number	10/357,639	
INFO	RMATIC	ON DISCLOSURE	Filing Date	Febuary 3, 2003	
STA	TEMEN1	BY APPLICANT	First Named Inventor	McGlothlin, Mark W., et. al.	
	• —		Art Unit	Not Yet Assigned	
	(use as man	y sheets as necessary)	Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned	,
Sheet	1	of 2	Attorney Docket Number	012124-001110US	

			U.S. PATENT DO	CUMENTS	
Examiner	Cite No.1	Document Number Number Kind Code ² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
A	AA	US-732,360	06/30/1903	Lindsay	
	AB	US-1,152,372	08/31/1915	Miller	
	AC	US-2,173,734	09/19/1939	Sidnell	
	AD	US-2,324,735	07/20/1943	Spanel	
	AE	US-2,434,035	01/06/1948	Laney et al.	
	AF	US-2,686,859	01/13/1959	Stott	
	AG	US 2,867,849	01/13/1959	Drew et al.	
	АН	US 2,941,257	06/21/1960	Davis	
-	Al	US-2,975,151	03/14/1961	Ropp	
	AJ	US-3,215,649	11/02/1965	Preiss et al.	
	AK	US-3,626,052	12/07/1971	Sisco et al.	
	AL	US-3,751,378	08/07/1973	Rodaway et al.	
	AM	US 3,856,561	12/24/1974	Esemplare et al.	
	AN	US-3,892,697	07/01/1975	Burke	
	OA	US 3.919,442	11/11/1975	Esemplare et al.	
	AP	US 3,967,014	06/29/1976	Esemplare et al.	
	AQ	US 4,027,060	05/31/1977	Esemplare et al.	
	AR	US 4,048,368	09/13/1977	· Hale et al.	
	AS	US 4,334,043	06/08/1982	Groepper	
	AT	US 4,808,442	. 02/28/1989	Verlaan et al.	
	AU 、	US-4,981,637	01/01/1991	Hyer	
	AV	US-5,021,524	06/04/1991	Dicker et al.	
	AW	US 5,084,514	01/28/1992	Szczechura et al.	
	AX	US 5,228,938	07/20/1993	Kansupada et al.	
	AY	US 5,281,570	01/25/1994	Hasegawa et al.	
	AZ	US-5,310,811	05/10/1994	Cottman	
$\neg \neg$	ВА	US 5,401,781	03/28/1995	Hagen	
-	BB	US-5,569,740	10/29/1996	Tanaka et al.	
	ВС	US-5,580,942	12/03/1996	Comish	
_	BD	US-5,585,459	12/17/1996	Tanaka et al.	
	BE	US-5,610,212	03/11/1997	Tanaka et al.	
	BF	US-5,872,173	02/16/1999	Anand	
	BG	US 5,910,533	06/08/1999	Ghosal et al.	
	вн	US 6,012,286	01/11/2000	Schunk et al.	
	BI	US 6,016,570	01/25/2000	Vande Pol et al.	
क्षे	BJ	US 6,019,922	02/01/2000	Hassan et al.	

Examiner Signature	alle	Date Considered 11/2003

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered, include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² Kind Codes of U.S. Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.